

lifetime member of the Ohio State Bar Association, and a 50-year member of the American Bar Association.

Judge Kuffner's devotion to community service provides us with an outstanding model of civic participation. President of the local Jaycees and member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 767, he was a charter member of the St. Marys Kiwanis Club, founded in 1956. He received Mason of the Year honors in 2008 and was a 50-year member of Mercer Lodge No. 121. A life member of VFW Post 9289 and American Legion Post 323, he also held numerous offices through the years at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Marys.

Mr. Speaker, selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to no more than 20 Ohioans each year. To be considered for induction, individuals must not only serve the nation honorably in the military, but also reflect the high value of service to others in their post-military careers.

I am pleased to join in the accolades for Judge Jack Kuffner and his inestimable record of service as he is inducted posthumously into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the DeFazio/Blumenauer/Jackson Lee/Pingree/Edwards/Bonamici amendment to H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Our amendment would delay the so-called environmental streamlining provisions of the bill until the backlog of approved projects is meaningfully reduced. Environmental reviews are essential to the construction of better designed, more cost effective projects that meet important federal priorities like protecting public health and the environment. Unfortunately, the bill as written offers a false promise of expediting projects and reducing the backlog by paring back environmental reviews. The reality is that this will only lead to projects that damage the environment and ultimately cost more in the long run.

This WRRDA bill contains essential authorizations that will invest in our ports, waterways, and flood protection systems. The changes it makes to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund will benefit our nation's small ports and I am cautiously optimistic that we will soon be able to leverage all of the HMTF funds to the benefit of our ports both large and small. It also begins to reduce the project backlog by deauthorizing some older projects that have not yet begun. And even though I am disappointed in the environmental streamlining provisions of the underlying bill, it represents a bipartisan agreement that will keep us moving forward and allow House and Senate negotiators to bring this matter to a speedy resolution.

I urge my colleagues to support the DeFazio/Blumenauer/Jackson Lee/Pingree/Edwards/Bonamici amendment to improve this bill, and to support passage of H.R. 3080.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the City of Ridgecrest in my district.

Located in the southern portion of the Indian Wells Valley, Ridgecrest embodies what makes America exceptional—love of country, hard work, and dedication. The roots of Ridgecrest began much earlier than 1963, when the city was incorporated. In 1912, local dairymen James and Robert Crum established a small farming settlement named Crumville. As more farming families settled the Naval Ordnance Testing Station was created, the community continued to grow. By 1963, the town was officially incorporated as Ridgecrest and experienced exponential growth as the demand for expertise in the naval station's programs for weapons development increased during the Cold War. Today, the Naval Ordnance Test Station is now the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake (NAWS) and home to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division.

Growing together with China Lake, the Ridgecrest community also grew, supporting the tireless mission of our nation's defense with zeal. One of the most patriotic communities in America, Ridgecrest remains dedicated to the defense of American ideals and helping members of the armed forces.

Ridgecrest boasts a rich historic and educational history. The city has many cultural and recreational activities, such as the Maturango Museum, the China Lake Naval Museum of Armament and Technology, and the Petroglyph Canyons. Boasting National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished Schools, Ridgecrest schools, served by the Sierra Sands Unified School District, consistently perform at the highest academic levels. Additionally, with the establishment of Cerro Coso Community College in 1973, Ridgecrest carries a statewide reputation for hosting one of the top community colleges in California, serving over 8,500 students.

Over half a century, Ridgecrest remains a California jewel, honoring and supporting America's great warfighter, and sharing in the success of one of the Navy's premier research, testing, development, and evaluation installations. Such success cannot be replicated without the hardworking people and the close-knit community that is unique to Ridgecrest. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me and my friends in the Ridgecrest community as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation as a city in the great state of California.

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTENING OF THE USS GERALD R. FORD, CVN 78

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the christening of the USS *Gerald R. Ford*, CVN 78, the first in a new class of supercarriers. The ship will be officially Christened November 9th by the former President's only daughter, who is the ships sponsor, at Newport News Shipyard in Virginia.

It is a fitting tribute to the life and legacy of our 38th President that this new ship, which will be the most powerful warship to ever sail the seas, carries his name.

The USS *Gerald R. Ford* is over 1100 ft long, has a flight deck of approximately 4 acres, displaces 100,000 tons with a complement of 4,660 Sailors. It is a magnificent vessel which will serve the nation for the next 50 years; proudly carrying the name of our former President from my home state of Michigan.

As a former Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, I know that this upcoming ceremony will be a great day for our nation, this House where President Ford served for 25 years, our Navy, and the State of Michigan as a favorite son is afforded his rightful place in naval history.

The USS *Gerald R. Ford* is scheduled to enter active service to the Navy in 2015 after completion of construction by our friends the master shipbuilders in Newport News, VA.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Daughters of the Nile on its 100th anniversary and congratulate its members, in particular the more than 400 members of the Shimron Temple No. 133, Pensacola, Florida, on their years of service to Northwest Florida and communities throughout North America.

Founded in 1913 by Mabel Krows in Seattle, Washington, the Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for adult women related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, a Daughter of the Nile or a member in good standing of a Masonic organization for girls. On February 20, 1913, Mabel Krows invited wives of the Nile Temple to discuss creating a club modeled after the Zuhrah's Ladies in Minneapolis, of which Mrs. Krows' mother belonged, following the disbanding of the Daughters of Isis in Tacoma, Washington. The Ladies of the Nile expanded to include the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Nobles of any Masonic Temple, and the officers for the first Daughters of the Nile were elected on October 16, 1913. Over one hundred years after its founding, the Daughters of the Nile membership has grown to over 26,000 women in 139 cities throughout the United States and Canada.

As proud supporters of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Daughters of the Nile donates over \$1.7 million annually to Shriners, amounting to more than \$50 million since 1924. Its contributions to the medical care and rehabilitation of children at twenty-two hospital locations, however, spread well beyond its financial support. The members of Daughters of the Nile are also generous with their time and talent, volunteering over 150,000 hours each year. Their efforts include sewing clothing and quilts, providing toys, books, and other educational and recreational items, as well as helping to organize functions and outreach events for the hospital.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am pleased to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Daughters of the Nile and congratulate its members on this important milestone. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing its membership many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING DON TUTTLE AS
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Don Tuttle, who is being honored, along with his wife Andrea, as the Humboldt County DCC Citizen of the Year, an award he richly deserved.

Don Tuttle's long career with the Humboldt County Public Works Department's Natural Resources Division and his deep involvement in key resource, energy and historical issues has been a great benefit to Humboldt County and California's North Coast. His expertise and meticulous chronicling of events continues to be an asset on which the community relies.

Don Tuttle's positions as administrator of the Eel-Russian River Commission from 1978 to 1988, and as a member of the Trinity River Task Force Technical Advisory Committee, helped shape the recovery of two essential North Coast rivers. As chairman of the Humboldt Bay Harbor Safety Commission, he was instrumental in developing the Humboldt Bay Deepening Project, which allows the harbor to act as a deep-water port and ensures the safety of all mariners. As a longtime member of the Humboldt County Historical Society, and president of the society from 1989 to 1992, Don Tuttle has painstakingly worked to preserve the county's rich history.

Among the vital efforts in which Don Tuttle was instrumental are helping secure funding from Congress for a bank protection project to shield King Salmon from wave and tidal action; assisting in recapturing water diverted from the Eel River for the benefit of salmon and steelhead; developing a mitigation bank in conjunction with the Fay Slough Wildlife Area north of Eureka; and the creation of a vast data bank of aerial photographs, maps, and documents used by many professionals in Humboldt County.

Mr. Speaker, Don Tuttle's tremendous efforts to preserve and protect the Humboldt County community and its natural resources are worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations for his selection as Citizen of the Year.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes:

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Chair, I would first like to commend the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for working together on this bipartisan legislation. The collaboration between Chairman SCHUSTER, Ranking Member RAHALL and the rest of the committee demonstrates that we can work together to invest in our nation's infrastructure to make the U.S. more competitive and grow the economy. The backlog of unfinished water infrastructure projects and maintenance is hindering economic recovery and hurting small businesses by slowing trade. This bill helps address the backlog by updating critical infrastructure to allow goods to move more efficiently across our nation's waterways, ports and coasts.

However, like most pieces of legislation, this bill is not perfect. Although this bill makes some critical improvements to current law, I continue to be concerned with changes in environmental assessments and public comment periods in the U.S. Army Corps' project approval process. That is why I supported Rep. PETER DEFAZIO's (OR-04) amendment requiring the Army Corps to decrease their backlog of water infrastructure improvements to under \$20 billion before the modified environmental assessment process can go into effect. There are currently over \$40 billion in projects that have been authorized under the current approval process, but they lack sufficient appropriations to actually complete them. While I understand the need to improve the Army Corps' project approval process, it would be helpful to start addressing the lack of appropriated funds for previously authorized projects.

Although Rep. DEFAZIO's amendment failed, I still supported this legislation because it makes many important improvements to the Great Lakes water infrastructure that will improve transportation and trade as well as protect against invasive species. I will continue to fight for policies that help the Army Corps decrease its backlog of construction and maintenance projects and protect our precious natural resources.

RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, well, here we go again. The House is taking up another bill that seeks to gut the Dodd-Frank Act. H.R. 2374's authors purport that the bill is meant to

protect investors. But its practical effect would be just the opposite. The bill would impose onerous—and unnecessary—new requirements on the Securities and Exchange Commission from imposing a common fiduciary standard on broker-dealers and investment advisers alike. Dodd-Frank directed that the Commission study this matter, and it did. The Commission found it necessary in a 2011 report and stands ready, willing, and able to complete a rulemaking. What's worse is that the bill would also prevent the Department of Labor from moving forward with a fiduciary duty rulemaking for employee benefit plans until after the Commission has acted. In the simplest of terms, the Commission's and Department of Labor's common intention with these rulemakings is to protect investors. H.R. 2374's practical effect would be to prevent both from doing so.

This is another example of not having learned the lessons of the past. Investor abuses in part precipitated the 2008 financial crisis. Passing H.R. 2374 would be a terrible step backward and a validation of the practices that nearly brought this country to its knees. The financial services industry is in no way, shape, or form deserving of this type of deregulation. Vote this bill down, and stand up for the financial security of American investors.

RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2374, the Retail Investor Protection Act. As you may know, this legislation would prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a regulation related to investment advisors until the SEC issues a final rule on the standard and conduct for brokers and dealers of securities. The SEC, under Dodd-Frank, already has been designated with the duty of providing universal standards of conduct for brokers and dealers that are similarly in place for investment advisors.

Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, I have been disappointed in the Department of Labor's (DOL) efforts to redefine fiduciary duty for the purposes of ERISA. While I have no doubt that the ERISA law needs to be updated, I believe that the Department has not acted in good faith to put out a pragmatic and acceptable rulemaking. I, along with a bipartisan group of my colleagues, was successful in having the DOL withdraw their original rulemaking pertaining to fiduciary status after we raised both financial security concerns on behalf of average consumers and investors and conflicts of intent with the SEC. Unfortunately, since the Department's withdrawal, it has not been amenable to making practical changes going forward.

Over the course of the past couple of years, I have questioned then-Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and have met with Employee Benefits Security Administration officials, including Assistant Secretary Phyllis Borzi to get a better handle on the impetus of DOL's efforts. Following those conversations, I can report